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TAGS: KRVC TPHY EWWT CY
SUBJECT: CYPRUS: MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AUTHORIZATIONS

REF: STATE 101996

¶1. Further to Reftel request, contact information for Post officers responsible for marine research authorizations is as follows:

Mr. James Carousos
Economic and Commercial Officer
Tour dates: July 2007-July 2010

Alternate:
Ms. Alicia Allison
Political Officer
Tour dates: August 2009-July 2012

¶2. Background: Since 1974, the southern part of Cyprus has been under the control of the government of the Republic of Cyprus (ROC), while the northern part, administered by Turkish Cypriots, proclaimed itself the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)" in 1983. The United States does not recognize the "TRNC," nor does any country other than Turkey. The information below on obtaining marine authorizations pertains only to the ROC.

¶3. Following is an outline of Government of Cyprus (GOC) requirements for filing marine research authorization requests:

The key GOC agency handling such requests is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Division of Cyprus Question and EU-Turkish Matters). Authorization requests must be submitted to the MFA in Diplomatic Note format through the requesting country's embassy. Requests should be submitted at least six weeks prior to the intended commencement of research. Requests should include all pertinent information, including -- but not limited to -- the following:

- (a) The specific dates of the research or, at a minimum, the intended period;
- (b) Exact coordinates of the research area;
- (c) Identification details of the vessel(s) involved, e.g. registration number, flag, and insurance information;
- (d) Details about the company(ies) conducting the research;
- (e) Whether the vessel(s) involved will need to use any facilities at Cypriot ports; and
- (f) Exact purpose of the research (preferably, a full description of the end-user and the end-product).

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